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Nursing Policy

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**Scope of Patient Care and Service**

**1. UNIT TITLE:** Ward 65, Transplant & Multi-Specialty Surgical Acute Care Ward: Transplant, Urology, GYN, Plastics, Radiation Oncology, and Ophthalmology.

**2. DESCRIPTION:** Ward 65 is a 22-bed inpatient unit. The average daily census is slightly more than 16 patients.

**3. PATIENT POPULATION SERVED:** Ward 65 provides pre/post operative acute nursing care for young adult to geriatric patients requiring Transplants, Urology, GYN, Plastics, Radiation Oncology, and Ophthalmology interventions and who are eligible for care as designated by the Defense Eligibility and Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) and the Patient Administration

**4. CONDITIONS AND DIAGNOSES TREATED:** (Chronic Pelvic Pain, Fibroids, Increased Abdominal Girth, Excessive Menstrual Bleeding, Cervical Cancer, Elevated PSA, Chronic Hepatitis B & C, Cirrhosis, Acute Pyelonephritis, Prostatitis, Acute Urethral Obstruction, Ophthalmology, Plastic, and, post-operative care.)

a. High Volume:

- 1) Hysterectomies
- 2) Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy
- 3) Transurethral Hypertrophy
- 4) Nephrectomy
- 5) Kidney, Bladder, Prostate & Testicular Cancer

b. High Risk:

- 1) Transplant
- 2) Blood Transfusion
- 3) Radical Retroperitoneal Prostatectomy
- 4) Radical Vulvectomy
- 5) Transverse-Rectus Abdominus
- 6) Musculosutaneous Flap Enucleation
- 7) Brachytherapy
- 8) Spinal
- 9) Epidural

- 10) Radiation
- 11) Patient Controlled Analgesics

c. Problem Prone:

- 1) Liver Transplants
- 2) Diabetics

d. High Cost:

- 1) Transplants
- 2) Multiple traumas requiring multiple procedures/treatments
- 3) Long-term patients

e. Excluded Patients/Services:

- 1) Patients/personnel not included in paragraph 2
- 2) Pediatric patients
- 3) Patients requiring cardiac monitoring

**5. STANDARDS OR GUIDELINES FOR PRACTICE:**

- a. AR 570-4, Manpower Management, 15 May 2000.
- b. FM 8-501, The Workload Management System for Nursing, Nov 1990.
- c. WRAMC Regulations
- d. WRAMC Nursing Policies
- e. Unit level standard operating procedures
- f. American Nurses Association, Scope and Standards of Practice, 2004.
- g. Springhouse, Nursing Procedures, Lippincott, 2004. To accompany software program: Procedures, Version 2.2, Lippincott, 2004

**6. TREATMENTS AND ACTIVITIES PERFORMED:** All nursing activities are performed in accordance with the Scope of Practice and Competency Based Orientation. Common clinical activities include: admission assessments, patient and family teaching, venipunctures, peripheral intravenous therapy, fingerstick blood glucose monitoring, blood transfusions, medication administration, urinary catheterization, chest tubes monitoring, nasogastric tube insertion, tube feedings, oral or nasogastric suctioning, dressing and wound care, TPN, colostomy and ileostomy, respiratory treatments, oxygen therapy, saturation monitoring, vital signs monitoring, pain management, PCA pumps, and ongoing assessments and documentation of nursing and medical intervention.

**7. PERSONNEL PROVIDING CARE:**

## a. Nursing:

- 1) Registered nurses
- 2) Licensed practical nurses
- 3) Nursing Assistants
- 4) Medical Records Technicians

## b. Other Personnel:

- 1) Physicians
- 2) Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
- 3) Physician Assistants
- 4) Physical Therapists
- 5) Occupational Therapist
- 6) Social Workers/Discharge Planners
- 7) Pharmacists
- 8) Dietitians
- 9) Respiratory Therapy
- 10) Radiology Technicians
- 11) Laboratory Technicians
- 12) Chaplain

## c. Unit core staffing plan

Ward 65	ASAM Authorizations TDA 0202		Weekday Staffing Matrix (excluding Head Nurse and Wardmaster)			Weekend Staffing Matrix (excluding Head Nurse and Wardmaster)		
	Military	Civilian	Day	Evening	Night	Day	Evening	Night
<b>RN</b>	10	7	4	3	2	3	3	2
<b>LPN</b>	10	5	3	3	3	3	2	3
<b>NA</b>	12	5	3	2	2	2	2	2
<b>MRT</b>	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	32	20	11	9	8	8	7	7

**8. HOURS OF SERVICE:** 24 hours per day